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**From:** Weber, Katherine P [WeberKP@state.gov]  
**Sent:** 10/17/2018 8:54:36 PM  
**To:** Bailey, Marianne [Bailey.Marianne@epa.gov]  
**CC:** CurryBrown, Amanda [CurryBrown.amanda@epa.gov]  
**Subject:** RE: Air Pollution Conference draft outcome document, etc.

Thanks, Marianne! I think an announcement on monitoring would make a lot of sense – I was chatting with Amanda about this earlier today, who also mentioned the EPA “filling the gaps” work on monitoring as a potential announcement, and our work with UNEP on monitoring might fit too. We could consider including something on the Embassy Monitoring Program— I can flag for the folks here who manage that.

Kate

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**From:** Bailey, Marianne <Bailey.Marianne@epa.gov>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, October 17, 2018 11:46 AM  
**To:** Weber, Katherine P <WeberKP@state.gov>  
**Subject:** FW: Air Pollution Conference draft outcome document, etc.  
**Importance:** High

Hi Kate – since Maya seems to not have distributed yet (maybe she did but didn’t copy us), here is the document I noted on the call this morning, as well as WHO’s vision of commitments. I recommend you have aspirin and water, or something stronger, nearby when you read them!!

I have not gotten the sense from either HHS or the mission that they are particularly concerned about it, so very glad you’re in the loop. Ted, Hodayah, Brianna and I look forward to working with you on this.

Also, Jane would like to pull one or two of the “deliverables” from the PCC AQ paper as US announceables for the “pledging” segment, even though WHO is not expecting the USG to pledge. She would especially like to pledge ongoing USG commitment to air monitoring cooperation. We have some time to sort this out but would like your thinking on this.

I’m sure we’ll talk during the week,

Marianne

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**From:** McPhee, Megan E (Geneva) [mailto:McPheeME@state.gov]  
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**Subject:** Air Pollution Conference draft outcome document, etc.  
**Importance:** High

Good afternoon/morning,

Please find attached the draft outcome document (currently called the "Geneva Action Agenda for Clean Air," but name subject to change) as well as the draft list of proposed commitments, both of which I just received from WHO. While WHO reiterated that this is not a negotiated outcome document, they did welcome our feedback to the Conference organizers if we have any main items in the current draft that we want to flag or highlight. I am happy to serve as the conduit for this feedback process, if that would be of use.

On the other outstanding items from my end for the conference:

- **Jane Nishida's invitation/registration:** The Conference organizers at WHO confirmed to me yesterday that Ms. Nishida is already fully registered for the conference in their system. They showed me her completed registration file in their system, including photo, and confirmed that her registration is complete. No additional action required on this.
- **"Friends of" Group:** This is just coming together now and is still in the very early, informal stages. Thus far, it includes France, Switzerland, Monaco, and Norway. France is in the lead (along with Switzerland, to a lesser degree). I am reaching out to the new French delegate pulling this together to request inclusion in group meetings.
- **WMO involvement:** WMO's engagement in this conference is primarily focused on the climate aspects that are on the first day's agenda. However, the WMO is also very involved in the first Parallel Session on ambient air quality monitoring, modelling, and forecasting. WMO will also host two of the pre-conference workshops: one on low-cost monitoring, and one on using LEAP-IBC to create integrated assessments of the benefits of emission reductions to human health, agriculture and climate.

I hope this information and the preview of the documents is useful. I look forward to speaking with you all today.

Best regards,  
Megan

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**Subject:** RE: Draft guidance for US issue papers for WHO Air Pollution and Health Conf

Hi Maya,

Do you have a time for the call tomorrow, and will you be sending out an invite with a call in number? We have a meeting with Jane Nishida at 10:30am tomorrow, so we hope we can have the call before 10am tomorrow, so we can share outcome with Jane.

Thanks,  
Ted

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**From:** MacDonald, Ted

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**Subject:** RE: Draft guidance for US issue papers for WHO Air Pollution and Health Conf

Thanks for the clarification. Are you going to send out the outline of the Annotated Agenda? It would be an way to get delegation members to share any key items they would want to see included as points under each section (either points to underscore, or issues we would not want to see in a Chair Summary), noting they do not need to add something to each section of the outline.

Thanks,  
Ted

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**From:** Levine, Maya (OS/OGA) [<mailto:Maya.Levine@hhs.gov>]

**Sent:** Monday, October 15, 2018 6:41 PM

**To:** MacDonald, Ted <[MacDonald.Ted@epa.gov](mailto:MacDonald.Ted@epa.gov)>; McPhee, Megan E (Geneva) <[McPheeME@state.gov](mailto:McPheeME@state.gov)>

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**Subject:** Re: Draft guidance for US issue papers for WHO Air Pollution and Health Conf

Hi Ted,

Just proposing one call on Wednesday. Sorry for the confusion.

Thanks,

Maya

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**From:** MacDonald, Ted <[MacDonald.Ted@epa.gov](mailto:MacDonald.Ted@epa.gov)>

**Sent:** Tuesday, October 16, 2018 3:10:36 AM

**To:** Levine, Maya (OS/OGA); McPhee, Megan E (Geneva)

**Cc:** Bailey, Marianne; Finman, Hodayah; Besch, Brianna; Schmeissner, Peter (HHS/OGA); MacDonald, Ted

**Subject:** RE: Draft guidance for US issue papers for WHO Air Pollution and Health Conf

Thanks Maya,

Could you clarify, however, if you are proposing to have a smaller group call with Megan tomorrow morning (9am DC time) and follow this with a larger delegation call on Wednesday? Or, are you proposing that we shift the call with Megan to Wednesday, and the larger del call after that?

Regards,

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**Subject:** Re: Draft guidance for US issue papers for WHO Air Pollution and Health Conf

Hi Ted,

Thanks for your note. Yes, Megan will share more from the discussion tomorrow am (Geneva time). Following this, we'll be in a better position to have the del call and draft the annotated agenda. Can we aim for Wed am instead?

Regarding the additional EPA participant, I do want to share that we are concerned about the overall delegation numbers for this conference. The current delegation of eleven seems very large especially since it is likely the USG isn't announcing anything new. Is it possible for EPA to consider limiting participation? We will ask USAID to consider the same.

We are also verifying if access for US del members will be limited on the high level day since most other Member States were given two slots for the entire conference.

I'm adding Peter Schmeissner to this email for his awareness.

Thanks,  
Maya

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On: 15 October 2018 13:25,  
"MacDonald, Ted" <[MacDonald.Ted@epa.gov](mailto:MacDonald.Ted@epa.gov)> wrote:

Hi Maya (and Megan),

I there anything further to report back from you the outcome from your Deputy's meeting with the team at WHO last Thursday regarding the upcoming WHO Air Pollution and Health Conference? Are you still planning on holding an interagency Delegation call tomorrow morning? Last I heard you were proposing a call for 9am, but were going to send around an annotated agenda in advance.

Also, as mentioned last week, we want to send our Office of Global Affairs Deputy Office Director, from our EPA Office of International and Tribal Affairs to staff Jane Nishida for the High Level Segment of the Conference. What do we need to do to get her registered?

Is that something you can do

Thanks,  
Ted

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**From:** Levine, Maya (OS/OGA) [<mailto:Maya.Levine@hhs.gov>]

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**Subject:** Re: Draft guidance for US issue papers for WHO Air Pollution and Health Conf

Hi Ted,

No, I spoke with my team and they've asked that I hold off for the moment. Our Deputy is meeting with the team at WHO today in Geneva (Thursday) and they'd like me to wait to be in touch with the interagency until after that conversation.

All the best,  
Maya

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On: 11 October 2018 03:45,  
"MacDonald, Ted" <[MacDonald.Ted@epa.gov](mailto:MacDonald.Ted@epa.gov)> wrote:

Hi Maya,  
Your message from message yesterday indicate that you were planning to send the annotated air pollution conference agenda and update to the del later today. We have not seen any transmission as yet. Did we miss something?  
Thanks,  
Ted

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**From:** Levine, Maya (OS/OGA) [<mailto:Maya.Levine@hhs.gov>]  
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**Subject:** Re: Draft guidance for US issue papers for WHO Air Pollution and Health Conf

Wonderful - thanks for confirming, Ted!

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On: 10 October 2018 00:51,  
"MacDonald, Ted" <[MacDonald.Ted@epa.gov](mailto:MacDonald.Ted@epa.gov)> wrote:

Hi Maya,  
We should be able to do 9am on Tuesday 10/16 (it looks like most of us are open between 8-10am).  
Thanks,  
Ted

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**Subject:** Re: Draft guidance for US issue papers for WHO Air Pollution and Health Conf

Hi Ted,

Hope you enjoyed the long weekend! I'm planning to send the annotated air pollution conference agenda and update to the del later today — but I wanted to touch base with you on the del call. Thursday no longer works on this end — could we aim for a call on Tuesday morning (10/16). Would 9am work for you and EPA colleagues?

This will also give everyone this week to put together inputs and then have a day to review them ahead of our call.

Thanks,  
Maya

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On: 05 October 2018 00:09,  
"MacDonald, Ted" <[MacDonald.Ted@epa.gov](mailto:MacDonald.Ted@epa.gov)> wrote:

Hi Maya,

Your suggested alternative of incorporating key messages or cautions into an annotated agenda should work fine. We were envisioning the separate issue papers by session as being relatively short as well, and addressing the same key issues you identify for the annotated agenda.

Sorry to have missed your call.

We can set up a time for later this afternoon for a call with you. It should be after 1:30 and not between 3-3:30. Do you have a preference?

Ted

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**From:** Levine, Maya (OS/OGA) [<mailto:Maya.Levine@hhs.gov>]

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**Subject:** RE: Draft guidance for US issue papers for WHO Air Pollution and Health Conf

Hi Ted,

Thanks for sharing this — I just tried to give you a call to discuss. The document is helpful but I think we should consider an alternate approach to reduce the number of position papers. We have several other similar meetings taking place this fall, and we are not putting together issue papers for each segment of the agenda.

I suggest we focus on creating an annotated agenda noting any key messages and priority areas for each session and one position paper with general key messages/TPs, areas to watch out for, and relevant background information.

Finally, it would be good to discuss some of the areas EPA has flagged as concerning specifically -- the Air Pollution Roadmap; a specific global goal on reducing air pollution deaths; launches of new initiatives, etc.; evidence of the link between climate change and air pollution; SDGs; and UHC.

I'm available until 1pm this afternoon and then again from 2pm — 3:30pm. Let me know if you have a moment to connect.

Once we agree on a way forward, I'll reach out to the full delegation (minus Jane) on next steps.

Thanks again,  
Maya

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**Subject:** Draft guidance for US issue papers for WHO Air Pollution and Health Conf

Hi Maya,

As mentioned on our call yesterday, I am forwarding something we put together to suggest guidance and allocation of lead responsibilities for proposed issue/position papers for the WHO Conference on Air Pollution and Health. Please adjust as you see needed, and will look to HHS to distribute to relevant contacts/agencies as needed. I am around today in case you have any question on the content of this draft, but please note that I will be out tomorrow, but other EPA contacts cc'd should be available.

Thanks,  
Ted